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C O N F I D E N T I A L BUENOS AIRES 6416

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: ELAB, AIFLD, ASEC, AR  
SUBJECT: AFL-CIO SOLIDARITY VISIT

REF: STATE 205330 (AIDAC)

1. FOR RIO: PLEASE PASS JESSE FRIEDMAN. ALTHOUGH EXPOSING THEMSELVES TO GRUMBLING AMONG SOME ELEMENTS OF THE MILITARY ABOUT GOA'S PROVIDING OVEREXTENDED WELCOME MAT TO CONCENTRATED SERIES OF ALLEGED US INSPECTION VISITS (DERIAN, TODMAN, CODELS YATRON AND HOLLINGS), LABOR MINISTRY WELCOMES AFL-CIO SOLIDARITY VISIT AS MEANS OF EXCHANGING VIEWS AND DISCUSSING ARGENTINE PROBLEMS WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF A FRIENDLY LABOR MOVEMENT. THANKS TO EXCELLENT PREPARATION BY JULIO ETCHEVERRY, ARGENTINE TRADE UNION LEADERS PREPARED PROVIDE WARM WELCOME AND THEIR EXPECTATIONS ARE RUNNING HIGH. MINISTRY HAS PLACED NO LIMITATIONS ON WHOM OR NUMBERS OF LEADERS AFL-CIO TEAM MAY MEET. VISITS ALSO BEING ARRANGED WITH TRADE UNION PRISONERS IN JAILS. HOWEVER, MINISTRY HAS REQUESTED THAT AFL-CIO NOT MEET WITH MASSIVE  
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NUMBERS OF LEADERS AT ANY ONE GIVEN PLACE OR TIME IN VIEW OF CURRENT SUSPENSION OF TRADE UNION ACTIVITIES. MINISTRY WISHES AVOID GIVING APPEARANCE OF A TRADE UNION PLENUM WHICH HAS NOT BEEN ALLOWED SO FAR, ESPECIALLY IN ORDER TO AVOID EXACERBATING NEGATIVE VIEWS AMONG MILITARY HARDLINERS. LUNCHEONS AND SOCIAL RECEPTIONS ARE BEING PREPARED, HOWEVER, WITH LARGE NUMBERS OF

LEADERS. ETCHEVERRY BELIEVES THIS IS ENTIRELY WORKABLE AND ACCEPTABLE ON PART OF LOCAL LEADERS.

. FOR DEPT AND FRIEDMAN: ARGENTINE GOVT WILL PROVIDE SECURITY AND ACCEPTS FULL RESPONSIBILITY. EMBASSY WILL PROVIDE BODYGUARD AND WILL COORDINATE WITH ARGENTINE SECURITY OFFICIALS TO ENSURE ADEQUATE COVERAGE. LARGE TRADE UNION DELEGATION WILL RECEIVE TEAM AT EZEIZA AIRPORT. EMBASSY WILL PROVIDE TRANSPORTATION FOR TEAM AND BAGGAGE.

3. FOR DEPT FYI: IN VIEW OF PRESIDENT VIDELA'S PLANNED DEPARTURE FOR US SEPT 6, IT DOES NOT APPEAR LIKELY THAT SOLIDARITY TEAM WILL BE ABLE TO MEET WITH HIM IN BUENOS AIRES. HOWEVER, DEPT SHOULD BE ALERTED THAT PRESSURE IS BUILDING AMONG ARGENTINE TRADE UNIONISTS TO REQUEST THAT AFL-CIO PRESIDENT GEORGE MEANY SEEK INTERVIEW WITH VIDELA IN WASHINGTON. WHEN VIDELA VISITED CARACAS SEVERAL MONTHS AGO, HE MET WITH CTV LEADERS AND ARGENTINE TRADE UNIONISTS MAY USE THIS AS PRECEDENT TO ASK FOR SIMILAR MEETING IN WASHINGTON BETWEEN MEANY AND VIDELA.  
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